CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently amended) A method for providing electronic mail (e-mail) services, said method comprising:

receiving from an original sender a request for tracing notifications, for an e-mail message;

in response to said request, creating at least one tag for said e-mail message, indicating that said original sender is to receive said tracing notifications; [[and]]

receiving at a computing device of the original sender said tracing notifications from one or more non-original recipients in response to said e-mail message being forwarded by an original recipient to at least one non-original recipient; and

providing limits for said tracing notifications, wherein said providing limits further comprises one or more limiting actions selected from a group consisting of:

limiting the time during which said tracing notifications operate,

limiting the number of retransmissions for which said tracing notifications operate,

limiting said tracing notifications' operation, based on a domain policy,

limiting the content of said tracing notifications,

and discontinuing said tracing notifications, in response to a signal from said original sender.

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

providing to a user

a representation of said e-mail message,

together with information as to who has been provided with the content of said e-mail message.

4.   (Original) The method of Claim 3, further comprising:

storing and updating said information.

5.   (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

transmitting said tracing notifications to said original sender, from said at least one non-original recipient.

6.   (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein said transmitting tracing notifications further comprises transmitting one or more tracing notifications selected from a group consisting of:

notifications reporting that said message has been sent somewhere in some manner,

notifications reporting that the content of said message was provided to said at least one non-original recipient,

and notifications reporting deletion of said message.

7.   (Currently amended) A method for providing e-mail services, said method comprising:

in response to a request from an original sender, transmitting tracing notifications to a computing device of said original sender from one or more non-original recipients in response to an e-mail message being forwarded by an original recipient to at least one non-original recipient; and

providing limits for said tracing notifications, wherein said providing limits further comprises one or more limiting actions selected from a group consisting of:

limiting the time during which said tracing notifications operate,

limiting the number of retransmissions for which said tracing notifications operate,

limiting said tracing notifications' operation, based on a domain policy,

limiting the content of said tracing notifications,

and discontinuing said tracing notifications, in response to a signal from said original sender.

8-11. (Canceled)

12.   (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein said transmitting tracing notifications further comprises:

signaling that the content of said e-mail message has been provided to said at least one non-original recipient.

13.   (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein said transmitting tracing notifications further comprises:

signaling that said e-mail message has been forwarded to said at least one non-original recipient.

14.   (Original) The method of Claim 7, further comprising:

providing to a user

a representation of said e-mail message,

together with information as to who has been provided with the content of said e-mail message.

15.   (Original) The method of Claim 14, further comprising:

storing and updating said information.

16-33. (Canceled)